

QVMC celebrates National EMS Week

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QUINCY — In celebration of the 35th annual National EMS Week, Quincy Valley Medical Center hosted a free barbecue on May 18.

More than 100 people attended the third annual event at QVMC, which ran from 1 to 4 p.m. Quincy Valley Medical Center EMTs and paramedics were joined by Grant County Fire District 3 members to host ambulance and QVMC tours and meet the public.

The theme for the 2008 National EMS Week was, "EMS: Your Life Is Our Mission," a statement chosen in recognition of the commitments made by emergency medical personnel to their communities.

"This dedication to their mission provides around-the-clock care to communities across the nation," Michele Wurl, director of marketing and public relations at QVMC said.

QVMC's two-person EMS crew is comprised of one ALS paramedic and one EMT, and is

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The Quincy Valley Medical Center EMS team is called out during EMS Day at QVMC. The EMS team was joined by Grant County Fire District 3 members to host the third annual event at the center.



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The Quincy Valley Medical Center EMS crew and Grant County Fire District 3 members joined together to host EMS Day at QVMC on May 18. The EMS crew in white and fire crew in blue, pictured above, are (left to right) Julie Hodge, EMS Captain Doug Martinson, Brian Williamson, Teresá Sawyer, Fred Hobbs, Fire Chief Don Fortier, Katrina Cameron, Russ Harrington, Matt Kortus, Nigel McNeill, Corey Linscott, Justin Lessard and Shooter the dog.

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is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The crew is backed up by a second two-member team.

"These individuals are ready to respond to any medical emergency in their service area at any

time," Wurl said, "providing our community with a hospital on wheels."

Three vehicles make up the ambulance fleet. These ambulances serve a wide area, including the city of Quincy, Vantage, the Gorge and Crescent Bar. The Quincy EMS team responds to more than 1,000 phone calls a

year, according to Wurl.

National EMS Week gives people the chance to join together and honor the emergency medical personnel who provide lifesaving services daily by being at the right place at the right time and knowing the right thing to do.

To get more information on

the Quincy EMS teams or to visit the center, call 509-757-3531.